

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 358 – HB 532

February 20, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes dairy product producers who have a dairy plant license to produce and sell unpasteurized butter, commonly known as “raw butter”.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Agriculture (DOA) reports that the United States Department of Agriculture generally regulates butter.
- The proposed legislation will not impact the DOA’s operations.
- Butter cannot be made without cream and cream must be pasteurized under federal law or it will not receive an FDA grade.
- However, raw butter can be sold under current law if the container has a label stating “for pet use only” or “not for human consumption”. In addition, raw milk and raw milk products, including but not limited to raw butter, can currently be obtained through various agreements, such as cow share agreements.
- Due to availability of raw butter under current law, it is assumed that additional sales of raw butter in this state as a result of this legislation will be marginal and any subsequent impacts on state and local sales tax collections are estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Because raw butter can be sold under current law with the proper labelling or obtained through various agreements, it is assumed that any impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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